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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

JIHAD ANTHONY ZOGHEIB,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

US BANCORP, INC., a foreign banking
corporation, doing business as US Bank,

Defendant - Appellee,

v.

COAST HOTELS & CASINOS, INC., a
Nevada corporation doing business as
Barbary Coast Hotel & Casino,

Defendant - Appellee.

No. 07-16683

D.C. No. CV-05-01354-JCM/LRL

MEMORANDUM^{*}

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of Nevada
James C. Mahan, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted May 6, 2009^{**}
San Francisco, California

Before: HUG, HAWKINS and TALLMAN, Circuit Judges.

^{*} This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by Ninth Circuit Rule 36-3.

^{**} The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

Jihad Anthony Zogheib appeals from a district court order denying his motion to set aside a stipulated dismissal of his case under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60(b). Zogheib concedes that the named parties are diverse, but contends that the citizenship of fictitious defendants destroyed diversity and deprived the district court of jurisdiction. But Zogheib never sought to substitute named defendants for those sued under fictitious names, and the citizenship of these fictitious defendants has “no jurisdictional significance.” *See Soliman v. Philip Morris Inc.*, 311 F.3d 966, 971 (9th Cir. 2002). The district court did not clearly err in finding that Zogheib’s attorney had authority to enter the dismissal and it did not abuse its discretion in denying the Rule 60(b) motion.¹ *Cf. Surety Ins. Co. of Cal. v. Williams*, 729 F.2d 581, 583 (8th Cir. 1984); *Harrop v. W. Airlines, Inc.*, 550 F.2d 1143, 1145 (9th Cir. 1977). Zogheib argues that the court erred by considering his attorney’s authority to enter the dismissal instead of whether there was mutual intent to dismiss. The fact that both parties’ attorneys signed the stipulation was evidence of mutual intent to dismiss. *Cf. Eitel v. McCool*, 782 F.2d 1470, 1472 (9th Cir. 1986).

AFFIRMED.

¹We grant appellee’s unopposed motion to strike the portions of the reply brief and appellant’s supplemental excerpts of record presenting new and irrelevant arguments, but deny the motion for monetary sanctions. *See Fed R. App. P.* 28(c), 30; *Circuit R.* 28-1(a), 30-1.8, 30-2; *United States v. W.R. Grace*, 504 F.3d 745, 766 (9th Cir. 2007).